

SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS.

(a) 1974 ACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended—

(A) by striking subsection (b) of section 10 (15 U.S.C. 2209) and redesignating subsection (c) of that section as subsection (b);

(B) by striking sections 26 and 27 (15 U.S.C. 2222; 2223);

(C) by striking “(a) The” in section 24 (15 U.S.C. 2214) and inserting “The”; and

(D) by striking subsection (b) of section 24.

(2) REFERENCES TO SECRETARY.—The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended—

(A) in section 3 (15 U.S.C. 2203)—

(i) by inserting “and” after the semicolon in paragraph (7);

(ii) by striking paragraph (8); and

(iii) by redesignating paragraph (9) as paragraph (8);

(B) by striking paragraph (2) of section 15(a) (15 U.S.C. 2214(a)) and inserting the following:

“(2) the Director’s Award For Distinguished Public Safety Service (Director’s Award)”;

(C) by striking “Secretary’s Award” each place it appears in section 15 (15 U.S.C. 2214) after subsection (a) and inserting “Director’s Award”; and

(D) by striking “Secretary” each place it appears in section 15 (15 U.S.C. 2214) after subsection (a), in section 16(a) (15 U.S.C. 2215(a)), and in section 21(c) (15 U.S.C. 2218(c)) and inserting “Director”.

(b) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.—Section 12 of the Act of February 14, 1903 (15 U.S.C. 1511) is amended—

(1) by inserting “and” after “Census;” in paragraph (5);

(2) by striking paragraph (6); and

(3) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (6).

SEC. 11. NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY CURRICULUM REVIEW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, in consultation with the Board of Visitors and representatives of trade and professional associations, State and local firefighting services, and other appropriate entities, shall conduct a review of the courses of instruction available at the National Fire Academy to ensure that they are up-to-date and complement, not duplicate, courses of instruction offered elsewhere. Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall prepare and submit a report to the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by subsection (a) shall—

(1) examine and assess the courses of instruction offered by the National Fire Academy;

(2) identify redundant and out-of-date courses of instruction;

(3) examine the current and future impact of information technology on National Fire Academy curricula, methods of instruction, and delivery of services; and

(4) make recommendations for updating the curriculum, methods of instruction, and delivery of services by the National Fire Academy considering current and future needs, State-based curricula, advances in information technologies, and other relevant factors.

SEC. 12. REPEAL OF EXCEPTION TO FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENT.

(a) REPEAL.—Section 4 of Public Law 103–195 (107 Stat. 2298) is hereby repealed.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 13. NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.—Section 151302 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) primarily—

“(A) to encourage, accept, and administer private gifts of property for the benefit of the National Fallen Firefighters’ Memorial and the annual memorial service associated with the memorial; and

“(B) to, in coordination with the Federal Government and fire services (as that term is defined in section 4 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2203)), plan, direct, and manage the memorial service referred to in subparagraph (A);”;

(2) by inserting “and Federal” in paragraph (2) after “non-Federal”;

(3) paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking “State and local” and inserting “Federal, State, and local”; and

(B) by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(4) by striking “firefighters;” in paragraph (4) and inserting “firefighters;”;

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) to provide for a national program to assist families of fallen firefighters and fire departments in dealing with line-of-duty deaths of those firefighters; and

“(6) to promote national, State, and local initiatives to increase public awareness of fire and life safety.”

(b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—Section 151303 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (f) and (g) and inserting the following:

“(f) STATUS AND COMPENSATION.—

“(1) Appointment to the board shall not constitute employment by or the holding of an office of the United States.

“(2) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.”; and

(2) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (g).

(c) OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.—Section 151304 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “not more than 2” in subsection (a); and

(2) by striking “are not” in subsection (b)(1) and inserting “shall not be considered”.

(d) SUPPORT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.—Section 151307(a)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “The Administrator” and inserting “During the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the Fire Administration Authorization Act of 2000, the Administrator”; and

(2) by striking “shall” in subparagraph (B) and inserting “may”.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a staff member, Sally Phillips, be granted the privilege of the floor for debate during consideration of the Agriculture appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEATH OF GOVERNOR MEL CARNAHAN

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to share with my colleagues the

sadness that all of us in Missouri feel this week. This has been a very, very sad week for us.

Late Monday evening, we lost our Governor, Mel Carnahan, along with his son, Randy, and a top aide, Chris Sifford, who were killed tragically in a plane crash.

Nearly having completed two terms as Governor, Mel Carnahan was in a heated race for the Senate with our colleague, JOHN ASHCROFT. Mel Carnahan was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather as well as a public servant who had devoted much of his career and much of his adult life to serving the people of our State.

The news of Governor Carnahan’s very untimely and tragic death serves as a reminder to all of us of the preciousness of life and its unpredictability.

Our thoughts, our prayers, and our sympathy go out to his wife Jean, to his daughter Robin, to his sons, Russ and Tom, and his grandchildren during this difficult time. We also extend our deepest sympathies to all the people who worked closely with him and considered him their close friend. None of us can pretend to understand the pain they must feel at this time.

But I hope they will find comfort in knowing that their husband, father, grandfather, and friend will have a lasting impact on many lives. The fruits of Mel Carnahan’s efforts will be felt in our State for many years to come. He presided over a period of economic growth in our State. He worked hard to reform Missouri’s welfare system, crime laws, and educational system.

Mel Carnahan and I were friends for a long time—probably 30 years. It is no secret that we were often political opponents. We disagreed on a lot of things, and he was a tough opponent; no question about that.

A couple of years ago when I was getting ready to run for reelection, there was some thought that we might have to run against each other. But at that time, he chose to stay in Jefferson City and serve the people of Missouri for the remainder of his term as Governor. When asked why he entered public service, Governor Carnahan said he was inspired by the words of Adlai Stevenson, who said public service was a “high calling,” and he urged young people to get involved.

Mel Carnahan lived his belief that public service was a “high calling.” He brought the best of himself to the job. He loved Missouri and Missourians. He loved rural Missouri and his adopted hometown of Rolla, MO. He always wanted the best for our State. While the two of us may only have agreed on a handful of issues in 30 years, when it came time to defend the interests of Missouri, we fought arm in arm together. Some of you may recall a few battles we had on behalf of Missouri